

# The Crossfield Chronicle

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## Dom. Election Act Notice Postings

**CROSSFIELD.**—New regulations in the Dominion Election Act do not state that a voters' list is to be placed in post offices. The enumerator now names the place and date where he will be to make the revision and the notice and voters' list are to be posted at that place. In the case of Crossfield this is the village office, and in the rural areas will mostly be at the home of the enumerator.

## Knights of Columbus Hold Meeting

**BEISEKER.**—Sunday, May 15, a meeting of members of the Knights of Columbus was held in Beiseker and District Memorial Hall. A number of Knights from Rockyford and Calgary were in attendance.

Among the speakers were Mr. Tom McKenna and Mr. A. Klopfer of Calgary. Lunch was served in the banquet room.

## Obituary

**DANIEL LEISEKE**

**BEISEKER.**—Funeral services were held for Mr. Daniel Leiseke from the College Heights Chapel, Lacombe, on Tuesday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m., and from Rosebud Seventh Day Adventist Church, Beiseker, Wednesday, May 11, at 2:30 o'clock.

The services held in the Rosebud S.D.A. Church were officiated by Rev. Dr. G. D. Hagelitz, Calgary, and Rev. O. E. Oswald at Lacombe.

The pallbearers were Mr. Adam Roth, Mr. Paul Heather, Mr. Alec Befus, Mr. Chas. Wersgerber, Mr. C. Lohrke, Mr. F. A. Lount.

Interment was in the Rosebud cemetery.

The deceased leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, four sons, John, Samuel and Daniel of Beiseker and Alfred of Calgary, two daughters, Mrs. Annie Wetzel, Bentley, and Mrs. Martha Taylor, Oshawa.

The Lacombe Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**  
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Evensong at 7:30 p.m.

Second Sunday—Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday—Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday—Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. A. B. Lea, Rector.

### UNITED CHURCH

Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.

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Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.

Service at 12:00 noon.

Rev. C. W. Anderson, Minister.

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Service every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Bible School at 12:00 noon.

Junior Service each Friday at 7:00 p.m.

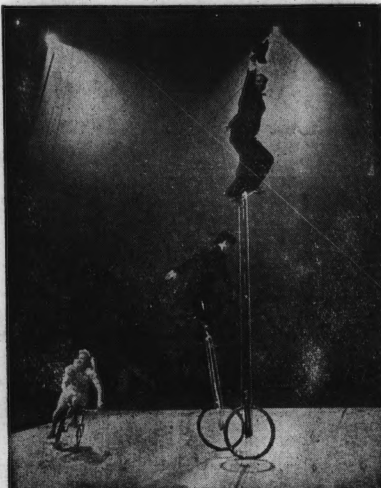
Young People's each Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Services each Sunday—

Dogpound at 3:00 p.m.

Mountain View Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Minister, Rev. J. W. MacDonald.



**UNBELIEVABLE** is the word for the antics of the hilarious Shyretto Troupe appearing with the Shrine Circus, playing May 23 to 28 in the Edmonton Arena, the Shyretto Troupe has just arrived from Europe, and the things they do on the high bicycles leaves audiences gasping. The Rotary and Shrine Clubs of Edmonton sponsor the Shrine Circus, with not proceeds, going to their district welfare work. Mail order tickets are secureable from Mike's News, Edmonton.

## Wind Storm Does Much Damage

**CROSSFIELD.**—The wind storm on Monday night did considerable damage to the telephone lines throughout the district. Most lines east were cleared next day, but the west was hit pretty hard and will take several days to put back into working order. The Calgary Power also had their troubles and the village was without power most of the day on Tuesday.

## Collie Turns On Lance Bennie

**CROSSFIELD.**—Little Lance Bennie, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bennie, suffered severe lacerations to his face when the family Collie dog turned on him and bit him. The little fellow is in quite a mess and will probably carry the scars for life.

## Children, This Concerns You!

**CROSSFIELD.**—Somewhere around town are some of the large links from the swings in the park. Evidently some little fellow has run away with them and if any parents see them lying around, please have the children drop them at the swings, as they are of no use for anything else.

**FOR SALE.**—A good milch cow, Harvey Stone, Crossfield, Alta. P M21

## Council Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Council will be held in the

**FIRE HALL**

on the

**First Monday of each Month**  
at 8:30 p.m.

## Community Hall Being Erected

**CROSSFIELD.**—The basement for the new Community hall is now taking shape. The footings are in and the forms for the walls will be in by the time this paper is out. More volunteer help is needed and anyone with time to spare for this should get in touch with one of the committee.

Money is also needed and there are still a lot of people still to hear from. If you have a cheque for this project please leave it next time you are in town.

## Junior Highlights

**BEISEKER.**—The Beiseker High School girls motored to Acme on Thursday, May 12 where they played their first softball game of the season. After a 10-inning game the Beiseker girls were victorious by a score of 18-14.

The hard-hitting girls taking part were as follows: Gwen Verhaest, Pauline Schmaltz, Elaine Meidinger, Frances Plante, Viola Meidinger, Claretta Wright, Vera Schmaltz, Grace Schmaltz, Anaden Hagel and Vera Schwartzberger.

Our thanks to our chaffeurs, Val Schmaltz and Nick Schmaltz. The Beiseker Juniors' also were the proud victors of a hardball game with the Keoma boys on Thursday, May 12. The outstanding pitchers of this game were, Harvey Olson, Desmond Breastaux and Leonard Schmaltz.

The other star players taking part in the game were as follows: James Hagel, Harvey Ulfeman, Emmanuel Hagel, Art Scheffelmeyer, James Felder, Gregory Schmaltz, Servellus Schmaltz, Ronnie Walker, Roger Meidinger, and Daniel Schmaltz.

The grade 7 and 8 boys played Iricana at Iricana and came home the victors with a score of 15-9.

## CROSSFIELD LOCAL NEWS

**CROSSFIELD.**—John Taylor is a patient in a Calgary hospital where he underwent an operation on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MacEachern of Weyburn, Sask., have taken over the operation of the Oliver Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brown and family moved to Sylvan Lake on Saturday last, where they intend to stay until the end of June.

The district still stays dry and although some snow fell on Tuesday morning we had a nice old-fashioned dust storm on Wednesday afternoon.

Charlie Mayman is making very slow progress towards recovery after his operation. He is still very weak and has a long road ahead before he will be on his feet again.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mumby, a son, on May 11, in the Calgary General hospital.

Mrs. Greta Hall is back home after her visit to Spokane.

Eddie Kotow suffered severe burns to both hands when the boiler blew up at the drilling rig he was working on at Leduc. It will be several weeks before he will be in shape to go back to work.

Ramsey Parsons well drill is now busy putting down a hole at the T. J. Borbridge residence.

Cyril Sexton and family moved back to town last week and are occupying part of the George Kimey home.

W. Gilson has again been appointed as caretaker of the village park and cemetery.

## Banquet In Honor 30-Year Lay-reader

**CROSSFIELD.**—H. Fitzpatrick and H. May attended a banquet at St. Gabriels hall on Wednesday evening, honoring Mr. E. V. Spiller, who has been lay-reader at that point for the past 30 years.

## Sports Day To Be Held On June 15

**CROSSFIELD.**—The Sports Day committee met on Wednesday evening last and laid plans for a mammoth sports day on June 15. The posters are now in the hands of the printers and should be on display shortly.

## Volunteer Firemen Answer Farm Call

**CROSSFIELD.**—During the big wind on Wednesday at noon, fire broke out in the brooder house on the farm of Charles Whittaker, two miles northeast of town. A large number of volunteers answered the call of the fire siren and were rushed out in cars, taking along fire extinguishers. The Whittakers were moving the chickens and the men managed to save the building from a total loss.

## DID YOU SEE:

**BEISEKER.**—Ted Walker's new English Ford. By jove, it's jolly neat.

The raw eggs on a certain gentleman's new blue Chev. truck? Or better still did you see who threw them?

Paula's new blue suit. Chalk, eh!

Your creditor—or did he see you first?

Bill and Lou loaded down with fish—12-pounders everyone!

Bill Tidy empty-handed except for rod and reel?

The Lions Ford for the raffie?

On Main Street the red-headed job on the white-headed eagle, which is now black-headed. Sort of heady, isn't it?

Anything worth printing? If you did tell us and we'll print it.

Or to Tetz's son and heir? A chip off the old block.

Mr. F. A. Lount's new drive-way?

That person who thinks the Beiseker Times isn't worth two dollars?

The little Gibson tractor owned by Felix Hagel and sons?

The well pullers at work? Hank says "It's three times and out."

We hope not out of commolation. More Bettin's family, bag and baggage moving to the other side of town amid clouds of dust?

## BEISEKER LOCAL NEWS

**BEISEKER.**—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Balhausen, Schleppe, a girl, Joan, at Linden Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Schwenger have purchased the Tetz house, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, and the latter have purchased the Stinner house owned by Mr. Jake Klein.

Mrs. Wm. Walker has moved into the house owned by Mr. Felix Silbernagel.

Did you miss the ball game on Sunday? Where is that good old community spirit? The boys can play—but even they like backing.

Mias Phyllis Velker was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Velker, Sr., for a few days. She returned to Seattle on Tuesday. Also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Velker was Mr. Jack Mitchell, Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schmaltz were week-end visitors at Banff.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schmaltz motored to Saskatchewan.

An Iricana farmer was fined for burning his stubble without a permit. Incidentally, it is now difficult to get a permit due to the fire hazard.

Mothers Leo and Louis Schmaltz visited Picture Butte, Mont., to attend a Lions convention recently.

Mr. L. L. Schmaltz has booked reservations at the Waldorf Astoria, N.Y., where he will attend a Lions convention in July.

Correction from last week. The local Red Cross collected \$470.00, not \$470,000.00.

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## GREAT BATTERS

Batter up! The batter stands at the plate with the ball speeding toward him at the rate of a hundred and fifty miles per hour. In a third of a second he must size up the throw and decide what to do about it.

No wonder batters in baseball fail to hit more often than they succeed. Even the best hitters in baseball, with batting averages of .300 to .400, hit safely only three or four times out of every ten times at bat. Time after time they step up to the plate and hit a grounder to an infielder, or fly out to an outfielder, or strike out. They are great batters because their averages are high.

Life often throws problems at us. We have to make lightning-fast decisions. Many of us lose interest in the game of life because we fail so often. The great batters will help give us courage. Although they fail more often than they hit, they always come to bat with determination to knock the ball over the fence.

If we meet our problems with courage and determination, our averages will break pretty well, too. Remember that great inventors have dozens of failures before they perfect their inventions. Great ball-carriers in football often are stopped for no gain. Great chemists try hundreds of experiments for each important discovery. The great records are made only by those who never stop trying.

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## SPRING IS HERE!



Bees buzz and buds burst, and STAN FRANCIS, once of the cross-country quiz broadcast, "Share the Wealth," and CY MACK, his side-kick, take time off for a tandem ride in the country to show off their new spring duds. "Share the Wealth" is heard Saturdays (CBW 7:30 p.m.; CBK 9:30 p.m.; CBX 8:30 p.m.). The loud plus fours belong to Stan, who poses "Share the Wealth" questions; and Cy, bringing up the rear, is the fellow who hands out the prizes to members of the studio audience who answer Stan's questions correctly.

## ALL-TIME RECORD SET AT AIRPORT IN APRIL

April was a record month for Edmonton in a lot of ways, and that included the city airport.

Last month, the airport was the busiest it has ever been. Total for the month was 10,053 take-offs and landings—an all-time record.

The previous high occurred in October, 1948, when the total was 8,200.

## The Trail of Loneliness

Through deepened shadows of despair,  
Through many leagues of sorrow,  
Across the hill of painful care,  
And even through tomorrow  
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With compelling power  
That holds you to its brutal chest  
Until the final hour.

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Lies out of bounds to those  
Who would find there restfulness,  
Sweetness and repose.  
There the rays of sunshine hill  
Lie distant to the right,

Without a rill to even thrill  
The lonely warfarer's plight

This is the trail of Loneliness,  
This is the errand's way,  
This is the trail that lies unblessed  
By God's own hand they say;  
Yet surely He hasn't forsaken  
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## Three Lobby Groups Vie For Canada Highway Route

Hopes of an early start on the much-disputed Trans-Canada Highway lapsed further into the background following dissolution of parliament last week. The federal government was still keeping hands off any commitments on possible routes and the provinces were still in the midst of a hot North-South controversy on the proposed highway.

Most vigorous campaigning has centred about the 3,747 mile-long route from Winnipeg to Vancouver. Yellowhead route which would take the highway northwest from Winnipeg, through Saskatoon, Edmonton, and the Yellowhead pass (elevation 3,717 feet) to Kamloops, B.C., and on to the coast. The other main alternative is the southern Kickinghorse Pass road (1,695 miles long) due west from Winnipeg, through Regina, Calgary, Banff over the Kickinghorse Pass (elevation 5,337 feet) and the present Big Bend Highway to Kamloops and the coast.

**THIRD ROUTE**  
Third alternative through the southern Crownswan Pass (elevation 4,450 feet) has been pushed into the background as a result of the bitter Yellowhead vs. Kickinghorse controversy.

So far, the Yellowhead campaigners (from Kamloops, Edmonton and Saskatoon) have undertaken the most vigorous lobbying to have the northern route built. Following an announcement from Hon. R. H. Winters, federal minister of reconstruction that a highway resolution would be presented to parliament before dissolution, Yellowhead boosters made quick arrangements for a lobby group to head for Ottawa. A projected trainload of Yellowhead supporters was scrapped in favor of a quick air trip to the capital.

On April 23 a delegation of Trans-Canada Highway System Association representatives, headed by an Edmonton lawyer, E. Bruce Smith, K.C., left by air for Ottawa.

Accompanying Mr. Smith on the trip were other Yellowhead backers: R. V. MacCoshan, Edmonton; Acting Mayor J. R. Bromley of Kamloops, and S. N. MacEachern, commissioner of the Saskatchewan Board of Trade.

**CABINET MEETS**  
Monday, the four-man delegation met with a cabinet committee to present the Yellowhead argument. Advantages outlined by the delegation included elevation, (Yellowhead is 1,620 feet lower at its highest point than the Kickinghorse Pass), less snowfall, lower construction and maintenance costs, and links with parks and military defence. Distance from Winnipeg to Vancouver by the Kickinghorse route is only 52 miles less than by the Yellowhead, delegates claimed.

Although no southern route representatives were present, their

arguments were well known. Kickinghorse boosters claimed their route was closer to the U.S. (for tourist traffic), had more miles of hard surfaced road already constructed (in Manitoba and Alberta) and was in the milder "Chinook" belt.

Most important point brought up by the Yellowhead delegation appeared to be the question of federal-provincial jurisdiction. The delegation told the cabinet committee that the highway was a federal matter and should be settled from a national viewpoint.

The government, already under fire from the Conservative opposition for interference in provincial rights, was not ready to make further commitments on highway policy, for the time being.

### BOTH ROUTES

But the highway controversy crept into the House of Commons on April 27 during the budget debate. Social Creditor W. F. Kuhl (Jasper-Edmon) read a letter from the Yellowhead boosters advocating the north route. Kuhl commented himself that he favored both routes being built eventually.

Calling of a general election side-tracked any further official action on the highway and left the western highway route up in the air without any funds or decision being passed. With the controversy wide open again, it looked as though the campaigning and lobbying would be speeded up to take advantage of election promises from the parties.

In the meantime, the party leaders were non-committal over the highway and most gave the opinion that a "careful survey" should be made before a decision was made.

Far-sighted Canadians realized that eventually both routes would be built. But in the meantime the long-awaited highway was shelved until after the dominion elections, June 27.

### Six-Page Papers

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### Cabbies End 4-Month Tiff

Edmonton's cab drivers settled a four-month-old tiff with three city taxi companies this week. Nearly 100 union drivers signed a new wage and working agreement with their employers Wednesday.

Under the new terms the drivers will be paid \$25 a week for first six months of employment, \$27.50 for second six months and \$30 at the end of a year. Commission rate is 20 per cent over a weekly take of \$80.

The drivers had asked for \$32 per week with a 20 per cent commission on weekly collections of more than \$50.

### Britain Builds Jet Passenger Aircraft

Britain's latest bid for commercial air supremacy is a jet-propelled swept-back wing transport designed to carry 36 passengers at 500 miles per hour in smooth air at 40,000 feet.

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Two unfortunate Cecropia moths flitted in the open doorway. But they quickly learned to their sorrow that party crashing isn't being done. They were immediately pounced upon and bottled.

## Engagements

BEISEKER. — The engagement of Beatrice Carolina Schmalts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Schmalts, to Mr. John Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer, has been announced, the wedding to take place May 30

Mr. and Mrs. L. Martin of Trail,

B.C., have announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Irene Jeanne to Mr. Wendel Sander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sander. The wedding will be solemnized in Trail on Monday, May 23.

## MADDEN LOCAL NEWS

MADDEN. — Nick King is the accumulator at the polling district of Dogpound and Walter Havens the district east of here.

Donald Beddoes has several jobs of brush cutting in the district.

A little rain and some snow fell on the district on Monday evening.

There are several cases of measles reported around here. Everett Green has taken delivery of a new International tractor.

## Ken Clayholt Has Painful Accident

MADDEN. — Interest is again centred on baseball. On Wednesday May 11, Crossfield pupils played Beaver Dam pupils at Madden, the final score 28-26 in favor of Crossfield.

Last Sunday saw Dogpound opposing Crossfield with Dogpound the winners. At Madden the local boys all turned out and chose sides and had a good practice game.

While playing ball last Thursday Ken Clayholt met with a painful accident. He was hit in the eye with a ball which broke his glasses, and did serious injury to the eye. He will be in the hospital for several days and it is to be hoped that no permanent damage will result.

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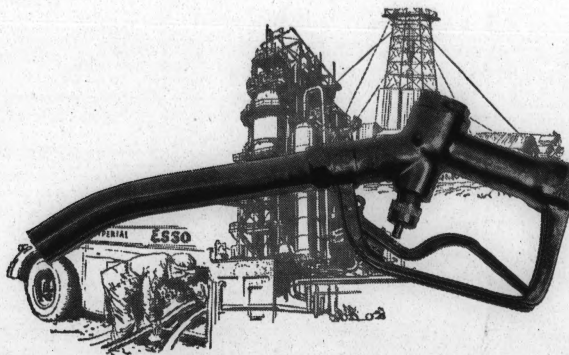
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Final and official reports on house building in Canada in 1948 are now available. The achievements were creation of more than 81,000 new homes.

Apart from being the biggest house building year on record, 1948 marked the turning point in the post-war housing shortage which Canada shared with many other countries. New families are coming into existence in Canada at the rate of just over 80,000 a year.

The figures are from the quarterly report "Housing in Canada," just issued by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The report shows that since 1945 a total of 276,000 houses have been built in Canada. This means that one out of every 12 Canadians now lives in a new post-war house. It also shows that the building achievement in 1948 will better the 1948 all-time high record.

While 81,000 houses were finished last year 85,000 were started. That means more than 85,000 houses will be finished this year.

There was good news for builders and farmers recently. Nails and wire fencing are made from the same thing, steel wire. Shortage of steel wire caused a shortage of nails. Shortage of nails held up house building. The government's steel control men kept an eye on the situation.

Last year they ordered all the wire made in Canadian steel plants delivered to nail plants for a few months in the summer. That meant more nails but less wire for fencing.

Steel control keeps in close touch with the United States authorities who were also short of steel and so cutting down on shipments to Canada. This spring, however, steel control found it could get some steel wire in the United States; arranged for the purchase of enough to make 138,000 kegs of nails.

That is being directed to the nail factories and this summer it won't be necessary to close down on fence factories. Builders will get their nails and farmers will get their fence materials.

Four key officials, two Canadian and two American have been set up as a United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee. The move rounds out arrangements which the Liberal government has made for co-operation in defence with the United States.

Ahead is a big job of providing

arms for European countries which signed the Atlantic Pact, a bigger job of arming the democracies should war break out. The new committee is to plan things so that the resources of Canada and the United States are employed most efficiently in those tasks, as they were during the Second World War.

It will see to it that where Canadian industry can do an arms production job efficiently, Canadian industry will be put to work. Mass production will be the method and duplication of effort is to be avoided. Some items will be produced in Canada for the forces of all the Atlantic Pact powers, some in the United States.

Maximum preparedness at minimum cost is one of the purposes of the Atlantic Pact and co-operation between Canada and the United States on industrial mobilization will contribute to that end.

## Red Deer Opens New Radio Station

Last Saturday Red Deer residents turned their radio dials to 1230 kilocycles and heard the first broadcast from their brand-new 250-watt station, CKRD. It was just 16 years to the day that Red Deer's first radio station, CKD, had closed down in the midst of the depression after six years of operation.

With increased population and prosperous times in Central Alberta, the station's backers expect CKRD to provide continuous service to Red Deer district listeners.

From the 200-foot aerials south of town, programs of local interest as well as national releases will be sent out over the airwaves.

The new station is under the guidance of Gordon S. Henry, president and managing-director. Staff personnel include: A. H. Nichol, director and in charge of sales; H. J. Yenza, director in charge of broadcast management; W. D. Forst, chief engineer; John D. Mackin, production manager; John J. O'Leary, chief announcer; Warren Baker, continuity editor and special announcer; Ann Lee, announcer, and Molly Dowler, accountant and secretary.

## Letters to the Editor

The Canadian Red Cross Society,  
National Office,  
95 Wellesley St.,  
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Dear Sir:

I have very much pleasure in advising you that the 1949 Red Cross National Appeal is progressing well, with the major part of the total already subscribed and additional returns expected shortly from many localities where campaigns were unavoidably late in starting.

At this time we would like to say once again how deeply grateful we are to the press of Canada for the co-operation and strong support they have given the society in this campaign and which, without doubt, played a major part in the success of the appeal.

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## Winnipeg Seen as Oil Centre

WINNIPEG.—An Alberta-Manitoba oil pipeline may make Winnipeg an important oil refining centre. This was stated by J. H. White, vice-president and director of Imperial Oil Ltd., at the recent 23rd annual meeting and banquet of the Industrial Development Board of Manitoba.

Mr. White told the industrial delegates that Manitoba as a large scale refining centre had not been overlooked by Imperial Oil, and said that property near the city of Winnipeg has been held with a view toward the eventual erection of a refinery.

"It appears that the day is drawing closer for such a step," he said.

First big step in the transformation of Manitoba's petroleum situation would be the Edmonton-Regina pipeline, he told delegates. The pipeline is expected to be completed in 1950, and further extension of the line eastward must wait until after 1950.

In the meantime, oil prices in the west have dropped. Mr. White reviewed this year's price reductions in fuel oil as a result of Alberta's expanding market, and said the reductions were effective as far as Brandon and Portage la Prairie, which were within the Alberta orbit.

Reductions in the price of such products as gasoline would probably be a feature of the continued expansion of the market during the next year or so, he forecast.

## Alberta Has New TCA Air Service

Edmonton, which terms itself the "Crossroads of the World," has a new airline service to link the city with the west coast and eastern centres. Last Sunday the first North Star aircraft landed at Edmonton's big municipal airport to inaugurate Trans-Canada Airlines' new service.

Eastbound passengers could now board a North Star at Edmonton at 6:50 p.m., and with direct connections to Toronto and Montreal could be in London, Eng., at 5:30 p.m., the next day. From the west the new service featured Edmonton within three hours of Vancouver and Victoria. Passengers leaving Edmonton at 5:30 p.m. are scheduled to arrive in Vancouver at 7:55 p.m. and in Victoria at 9:15 p.m.

Flights to Calgary were increased to three per day, at 7:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., connected with the US Western Air Lines flight to Denver and Los Angeles.

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# Construction Boom Continues in City

## Hail All-Time High As Reach New Record

"Edmonton," Time Magazine said recently, "was still busting at the seams."

As the coming of spring accelerated the pace in what observers have called "Canada's quietest boomtown," and magazines including Time wrote about Edmonton and the ever-expanding Alberta oilfields, the Average Man on Edmonton's dusty streets was almost oblivious to his city's mushrooming growth except for the steady stream of new facts and figures reported in the daily papers.

Construction estimates zoomed. Both Edmonton dailies estimated that city building this year would hit an all-time record of over \$44,000,000, 28 million of it for 3,350 housing units, 20 million for commercial buildings, and over 16 million for institutional building.

Last year building permit values totaled \$27 million, an all-time record.

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation's assistant prairie supervisor, T. B. Pickersgill, announced that 25 to 30 per cent more houses than last year will be built here under the National Housing Act.

On Tuesday of this week the

city building inspector's office had one of its greatest days in history — permits were issued for construction of 127 homes, almost \$850,000 worth.

## NEW RECORD REACHED

By the end of April, new records had been established in building permit values and land sales. Virtually all building permits for the first four months of 1949 were more than double those of last year (\$8.6 million as compared with \$4 million).

Millions were slated for warehouse, plant, and office space, and more than one estimate included the word "extension," a reminder of Edmonton's boomtime.

Of the really big projects, there were included the 550-room Glen Hotel (\$8,000,000), 16-storey 300-room addition to the Macdonald hotel (\$4,000,000), University of Alberta (over \$5,000,000, mainly in hospital and library facilities), eight-storey provincial administration building (\$2,000,000), second unit of Victoria Composite High School (\$3,000,000), and possibly a \$4,000,000 federal building.

## INDUSTRIAL AREAS

On Edmonton's north and south sides, building sites on rail trackage were being snapped up almost as fast as they could be surveyed.

A 70-acre industrial area was being rushed to completion between 111 avenue and Kingsway, between 119 and 121 streets, and it was revealed that already seven industries are planning \$1,500,000 worth of construction. It was hailed by the Edmonton Journal as "the most important new north side development of its kind for many years."

On the south side, the CPR was negotiating with the city for purchase of about 19 acres of land at \$1,000 an acre, and a new industrial area was being surveyed between the CNR and CPR tracks between 60 and 78 avenues.

What might come with the big "building" months of May and June was anybody's guess, but it was a clinch that thousands of laborers flocking to Edmonton for construction employment this summer wouldn't be paying many visits to the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

## REST OF CANADA

And in the rest of the Dominion, with the possible exception of Ontario, construction was also booming.

Calgary had a good April, 70 per cent greater than last year's, with \$1,500,000 worth of building permits issued as compared with \$900,000 last year. However, Calgary construction was still far below Edmonton's for the first four months of this year.

Edmonton's oft-mentioned oil building has not yet made its appearance, but it was announced this week in Calgary that Pacific Petroleum Ltd. would build a six-storey \$500,000 office building, and Royaltite Oil Co. Ltd. intends to enlarge its office building \$125,000 worth.

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year 30 per cent more than last year was let in building contracts, making the Dominion total \$280,500,000 in building for this year.

During the month of April, all regions of Canada except Ontario saw boosts in construction contracts. Ontario's April contracts were nearly 50 per cent below last year's.

On a national basis, residential building and engineering construction increased, and commercial and industrial building decreased during April.

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For two of us the pike eluded us altogether, for the other two Lady Luck smiled on them and they brought home some beautiful specimens. Of course the bigger ones got away.

Coming home it was discovered the lucky fishermen used a different hook to the unlucky ones. Why don't somebody tell me of these things?

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## Tree Planting Car In Town

CROSSFIELD. — The Canadian Forestry Association tree planting car in charge of John Coats, travelling in co-operation with the C.P.R., was on the siding in Crossfield last Friday.

The "tree planting" program, comprising a variety of sound and colored film, was given several times during the afternoon to all the school children in the district, and from 8 p.m. to a large grown-up audience.

The Coats enlarged on the menace and dangers of soil erosion and the desirability and need for shelter belts to hold moisture and prevent soil drifting. An ideal shelter belt was demonstrated, showing suitable types of trees and the necessity of planting them sufficiently far apart to permit cultivation.

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